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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: CODEL SENATOR CLAIBORNE PELL

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FOR STEARNS AND AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD

1. SENATOR PELL APPRECIATED VERY MUCH HAVING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN ATHENS REFTEL. HE WAS QUITE HAPPY TO LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS LOOSE PENDING RETURN OF GREEK LEADERSHIP TO ATHENS AND DECISION LATER WHETHER OR NOT CYPRUS SIDE TRIP WOULD BE FEASIBLE.

2. PELL NOTED THAT AT TIME GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD INVITED HIM TO VISIT ATHENS, THEY ALSO INVITED STATE REPRESENTATIVE FROM RHODE ISLAND PANICHAS. IT IS LIKELY THAT GREEKS WILL INCLUDE PANICHAS, WHO WILL BE GUEST OF GOC, IN AT LEAST PART OF SENATOR PELL-S SCHEDULE. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO INVITE PANICHASTODINNER BUT NOT TO INCLUDE HIM IN ANY CLASSIFIED BRIEFINGS. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT A SENATE STAFFER, NAME UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME, WILL JOIN PELL IN ATHENS. HE, TOO, MIGHT BE INVITED TO DINNER

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AND WOULD PERHAPS ACCOMPANY PELL ON SOME CONVERSATIONS AS NOTETAKER.

3. PELL ASKED THAT HE (PELL) BE MET AT AIRPORT, AND WE

ASSURED HIM THIS WOULD BE DONE AND THAT AN EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO COORDINATE AND ASSIST WITH HIS SCHEDULE. HE REITERATED HIS DESIRE TO HAVE A SINGLE ROOM (NOT A SUITE) AT THE GRANDE BRETAGNE HOTEL. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT SINCE HE WILL BE TIRED AFTER HIS LONG TRIP FROM CHINA, HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE ANYTHING SCHEDULED UNTIL AFTER SIESTA AUGUST 18 UNLESS, OF COURSE, GREEK GOVERNMENT WISHED HIM TO CALL ON CARAMANLIS OR BITSIOS DURING THAT MORNING OR SET UP SOME KIND OF OFFICIAL LUNCH FOR HIM.

4. FOR NICOSIA. IF CYPRUS SIDE TRIP TAKES PLACE, SENATOR WILL BE HAPPY TO ACCEPT AMBASSADOR'S HOSPITALITY. HE DID NOT MENTION PANICHAS OR HIS STAFF AIDE, BUT IF CONVENIENT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE WELL TO HAVE LATTER STAY AT RESIDENCE AND PANICHAS ALSO OR AT NEIGHBORING HOTEL. HE HAD NO SUGGESTIONS FOR DINNER GUESTS OTHER THAN PANICHAS AND STAFF AIDE.

5. PELL WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING APPOINTMENTS WITH GREEK CYPRIOTS MENTIONED NICOSIA REFTEL AND WOULD DEFINITELY LIKE TO MEET WITH DENKTASH IF POSSIBLE. INGERSOLL

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